

REGISTERED PATENT ATTORNEY
JOHN JAMES MCGLEW J.D., NY, NJ, DC BARS
D.W. DARREN KANG JD, NJ BAR only

THEOBALD J. DENGELER, PATENT AGENT
HILDA S. MCGLEW M.D., PATENT AGENT

MC GLEW AND TUTTLE, P.C.

PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT, AND UNFAIR COMPETITION CAUSES

Counselors at Law

DEC 14 2004

TEL: (914) 941-5600

FACSIMILE: (914) 941-5855

EMAIL: MandT@mcglewtuttle.com

1 SCARBOROUGH STATION PLAZA
SCARBOROUGH, NEW YORK 10510-0827

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO: 71084

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : ABELS et al.
Serial No : 10/632,017
Confirm. No : 9343
Filed : July 31, 2003
For : BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT
Art Unit : 3679
Examiner : Ernesto Garcia
Dated : December 14, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER FOR SERIAL NO. 10/632,017 (19 PAGES IN ALL)
IS BEING FACSIMILE TRANSMITTED TO THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
FACSIMILE NUMBER 1-703-872-9306 ON THE DATE SHOWN BELOW.

Toni Ann Fonte
NAME OF PERSON SIGNING CERTIFICATION

Toni Ann Fonte
SIGNATURE

DATED: December 14, 2004
McGLEW AND TUTTLE, P.C.
SCARBOROUGH STATION
SCARBOROUGH, NEW YORK 10510-0827
TELEPHONE: (914) 941-5600
FACSIMILE: (914) 941-5855

NOTE: IF THERE IS ANY ADDITIONAL FEE DUE PLEASE CHARGE IT TO OUR
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410 AND ADVISE US OF ANY CHARGE THAT YOU
MAKE

71084.10

Incomplete pages 3-19
missing

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

DEC 14 2004

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO: 71084

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : ABELS et al.
Serial No : 10/632,017
Confirm. No : 9343
Filed : July 31, 2003
For : BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT
Art Unit : 3679
Examiner : Ernesto Garcia
Dated : December 14, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: